

Testimony to the Public Health Committee

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Regarding SB 1064 Administration of Medication by Certain Aides

Senator Gerratana . Representative Johnson and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 1064.

I understand the use medication technicians in a more relaxed environment such as a residential care home or home health care setting may work, but in a nursing home where one aide may have any where from 10 to 15 residents to care for, quality of care for residents would suffer. If the nurse has the ability to delegate the task of dispensing medication to an aide certified for medication administration that would take away from the needed time that certified nurse aides spend caring for their residents.

At the present time as nursing homes continue to cut staff to remain profitable taking an aide away from his/her already taxing duties of providing care to as many as fifteen residents in their eight hour shift is not the right thing to recommend. I urge the committee to vote against SB 1064.

I would like to thank the public health committee for taking my submitted testimony under consideration.

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